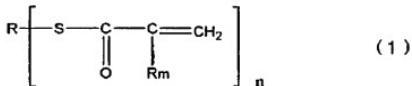


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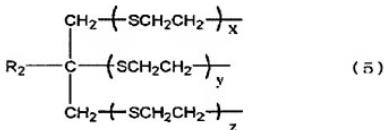
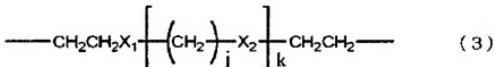
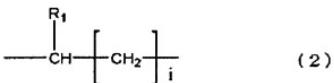
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

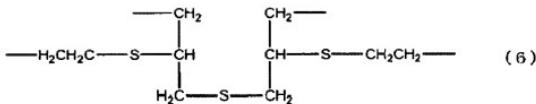
**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (Currently Amended): A composition comprising (a) a thio(meth)acrylate compound represented by the formula (1), and (b) ultrafine inorganic particles, (d) one or more hydroxyl group-containing (meth)acrylate compounds represented by the formulae (7) to (10), and (e) a  $\beta$ -diketone compound represented by the formula (11):

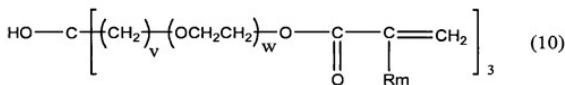
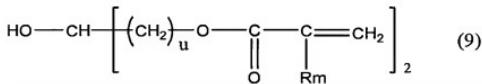
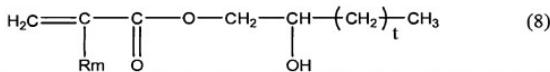
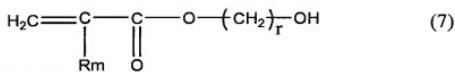


wherein a linking (or connecting) group R represents one of the formulae (2), (3), (5) and (6):

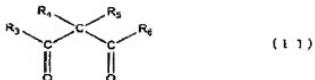




wherein, in formula (1),  $R_m$  represents each independently a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; n is an integer of 2 to 4;  $R_1$  is a hydrogen atom or a methyl group;  $R_2$  represents a hydrogen atom, a methyl group or an ethyl group;  $X_1$  and  $X_2$  represent oxygen atoms or sulfur atoms; i is an integer of 1 to 5; j is an integer of 0 to 2; and k, x, y and z are each independently 0 or 1:



wherein, in formulae (7) to (10),  $R_m$  represents a hydrogen atom or a methyl group; r and t are each an integer of 1 to 4; u is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; v is each independently an integer of 1 to 4; w is each independently an integer of 0 to 4:



wherein, formula (11), R<sub>4</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> represent hydrogen atoms or such ones that one is a hydrogen atom and another is a straight chain or branched C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group; R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>6</sub> represent hydrogen atoms or each independently a hydrogen atom, a C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkyl group, a hydroxyl group, an aliphatic residue, an aromatic residue, an alicyclic residue, a heterocyclic residue, or C<sub>1</sub> to C<sub>6</sub> alkyl group containing one or more ether groups, ester groups, thioester groups or ketone groups in the chain structure; or R<sub>3</sub> and R<sub>5</sub> may be combined together to form C<sub>5</sub> to C<sub>10</sub> rings which may be substituted with one or more C<sub>2</sub> to C<sub>4</sub> alkylene groups.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Previously Presented): The composition according to claim 1, further comprising (c) a (meth)acrylate compound having a (thio)urethane bond.

4. (Canceled).

5. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim [[4]] 3, wherein a layer of the composition having a thickness of 2  $\mu\text{m}$  that is coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) an evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) a pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

6. (Previously Presented): A coating composition comprising the composition as described in claim 5.

7. (Previously Presented): An optical material comprising the composition as described in claim 5.

8-9. (Canceled).

10. (Currently Amended): The composition according to claim 1, wherein a layer of the composition having a thickness of 2  $\mu\text{m}$  that is coated on the surface of a resin plate having a thiourethane bond or an epithiosulfide bond and then cured with ultraviolet rays has (1) an evaluation score of a cross-hatch, tape-peeling test (JIS-K5400) of 6 or more; and (2) a pencil scratch test value (JIS-K5400) of 3H or more.

11. (Previously Presented): A coating composition comprising the composition as described in claim 1.

12. (Previously Presented): An optical material comprising the composition as described in claim 1.